

HIS MAJESTY'S
S P E E C H
 TO THE
 ASSEMBLY of the STATES-GENERAL
 OF THE
United-Provinces,
 AT THE
H A G U E,

The 7th of FEBRUARY, N.S.

Together with the

ANSWER of Their High and Mighty LORDSHIPS.

As both are Extracted out of the Register of the Resolutions of the States General of the said United-Provinces, and faithfully Translated out of the Dutch Originals.

HIS Majesty of Great Britain, at his first appearing in the Assembly of the States-General, and sitting at the upper-end of the Table, did with many Obliging Expressions declare His Affection and Inclination to this State; saying to this purpose: That when His Majesty was last in the Assembly of the States-General, He did then signify His Intention of going over to England; and Thanked them for the Assistance that This State was pleased to give Him towards the Relieving of that Countrey from the great Grievances under which it groaned, being well nigh brought to the brink of Ruine; That God Almighty had been pleased so to bless His Enterprize, as thereupon to Crown it with desired Success, more favourably and speedier than He could ever have hoped. So that the Consenting-Nations offered HIM the Crowns of England, Scotland and Ireland. That, His Majesty, had accepted them, calling God to witness, not out of any boundless Ambition, (for the Power either of Silver or Gold hath never been able to blind Him) but alone to preserve the Religion, Well-being, and Tranquility of the aforesaid Kingdoms, and to be

be in a more Powerful Condition of Assisting the Confederates, and particularly This State, and to defend them against the over-grown Power of *France*; That His Majesty could well have wish'd it to have been in His Power to have given them all Assistance necessary; but that He had been so hindered by the business of *Ireland*, that He could not effect it as he desired. That the Affairs of *Ireland*, and of His Majesty's other Kingdoms, being now brought into much better Posture, He was come over, not only to concert with the Confederates about Measures to be taken the next Campaign, but also to take upon Him the Charge of Captain-General of This State: That His Majesty from His Youth upward hath had a very great Love and Affection for This State: and that the same was daily encreased by the Tokens and Proofs of Kindness that He had found both from the Government and People; That his Affection for This State was so great, that it was not possible to be much greater; That He should always keep and preserve the same, and contribute all that lay in his Power for their Welfare, and at all times should be ready to venture his Life and Person for them; That he hoped God would be pleased to use him as an Instrument to remove all the Apprehensions They now labour under, and by settling *Europe* in Peace and Safety, to put this State also into a full Security; And that being done, His Majesty should Die contentedly. He concluded with recommending himself to the good Wishes of their High and Mighty Lordships.

Whereupon the States deliberating on His Majesty's Speech, and the Resolution taken, the Heer *Wickers*, President of the Assembly, in the Name of their High and Mighty Lordships, did affectionately return their Thanks to His Majesty for the Honour He had done their High and Mighty Lordships, by vouchsafing His Presence among them; and did testify the great Joy of their High and Mighty Lordships for His Majesty's coming into their Countrey, together with the great Obligation their Lordships had to His Majesty for the constant Care and Concern that His Majesty, with so great an Affection, had ever born to This State, without the least declining of any Dangers: Assuring His Majesty withal, That their High and Mighty Lordships shall, as much as possibly in them lies, endeavour to acknowledge with all Thankfulness all the good Offices done to this State by His Majesty. And further, wished all Happiness and Prosperity to attend His Sacred Person and Designs; with assurance also, That their High and Mighty Lordships would, to the utmost of Their Power, concur with His Majesty, and in all things contribute to the furthering what they think best to conduce to the entire satisfaction of His Majesty.

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